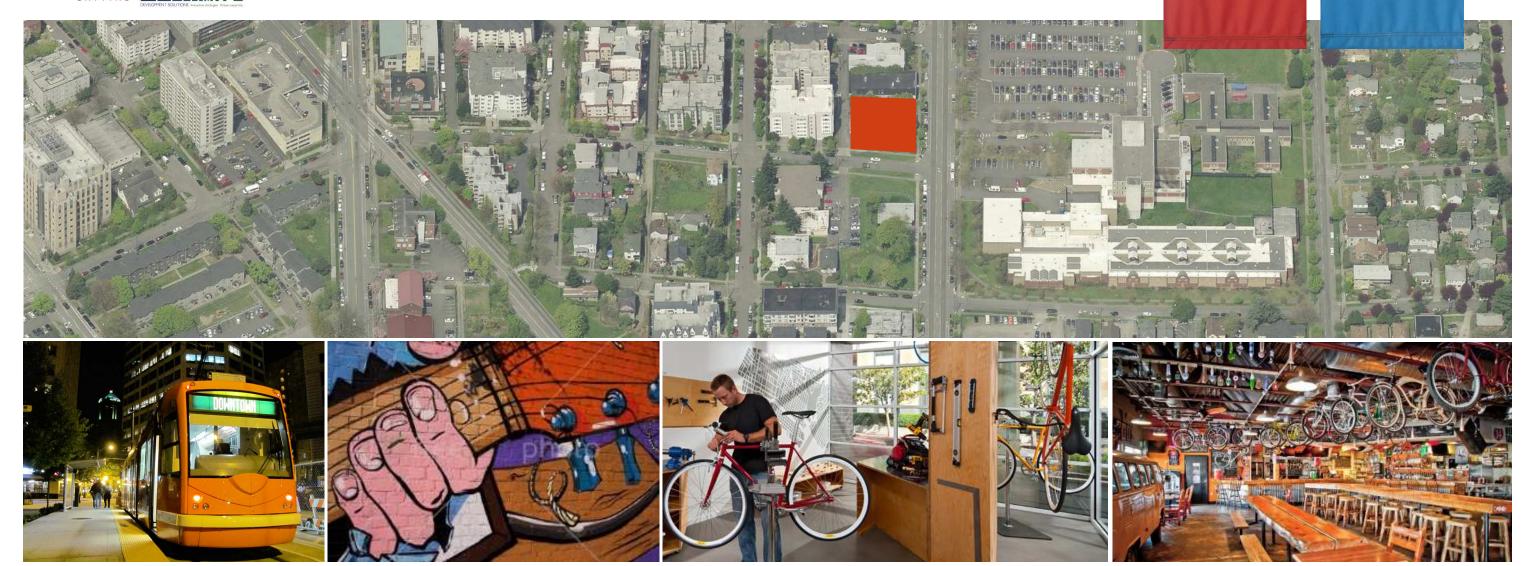




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Development Objectives

Desired Uses:

- Residential apartments (a mix of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units)
- Commercial use
- Parking use

Structural Height:

65'

Residential Units:

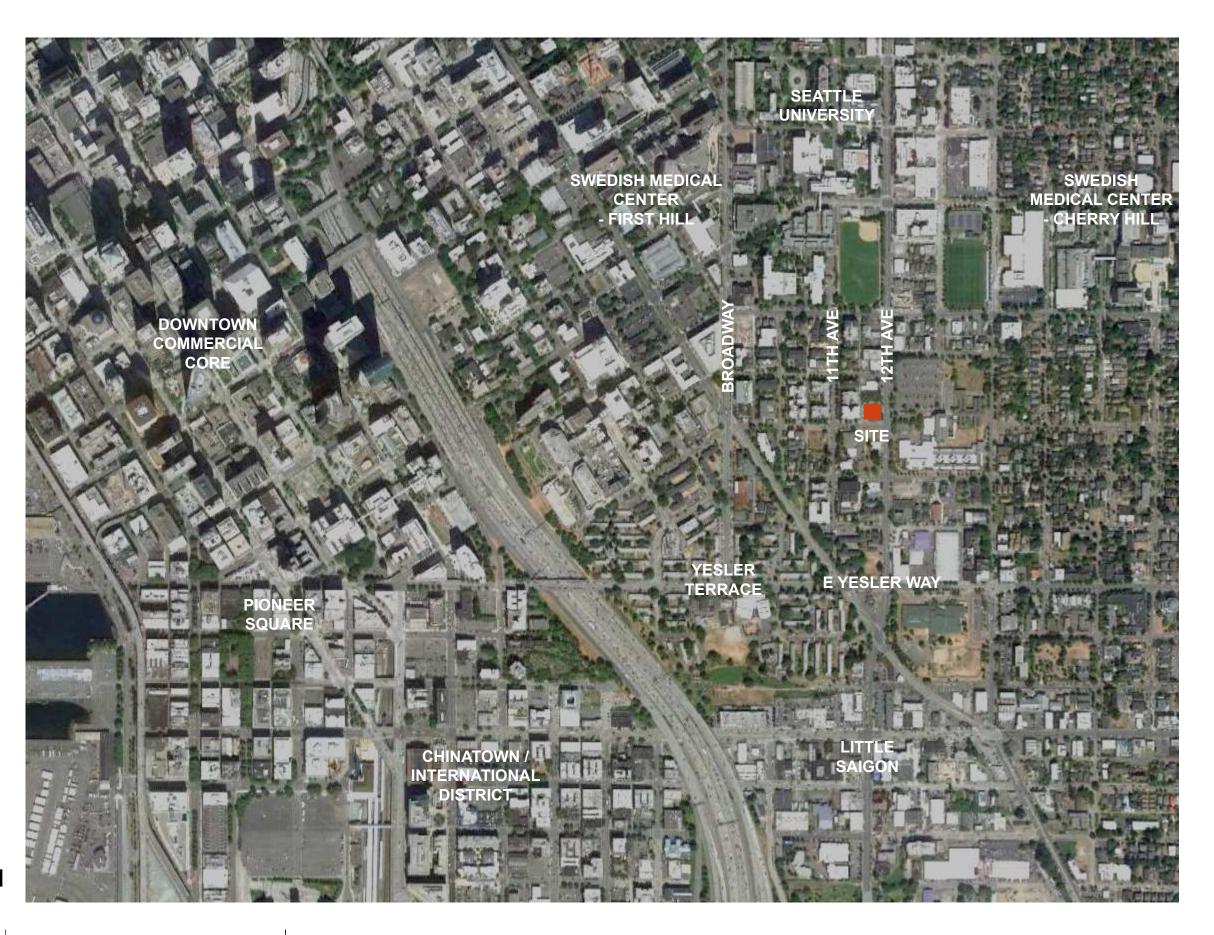
Approximately 75 units

Commercial Square Footage:

Approximately 2,700 sf

Parking Stalls:

Approximately 20 stalls at low ratio of 0.27 stalls per unit



North

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The applicant's objective is to provide a walkable transit oriented development for workforce housing containing an effective mix of incomes and uses.

- Create a strong activated urban street experience
- Create synergy with owner's Anthem on 12th (12th & Yesler) and Reverb (11th & Alder) projects
- Add to the commercial activity of 12th Avenue corridor
- Enhance the pedestrian experience along 12th Avenue and E Alder Street
- Maximize amount and quality of workforce housing
- Promote alternate forms of transportation
- Target LEED silver certification



Urban Design Analysis

Legend

Project Site

restaurant

civic/educational

grocery/market

park

apartments - existing

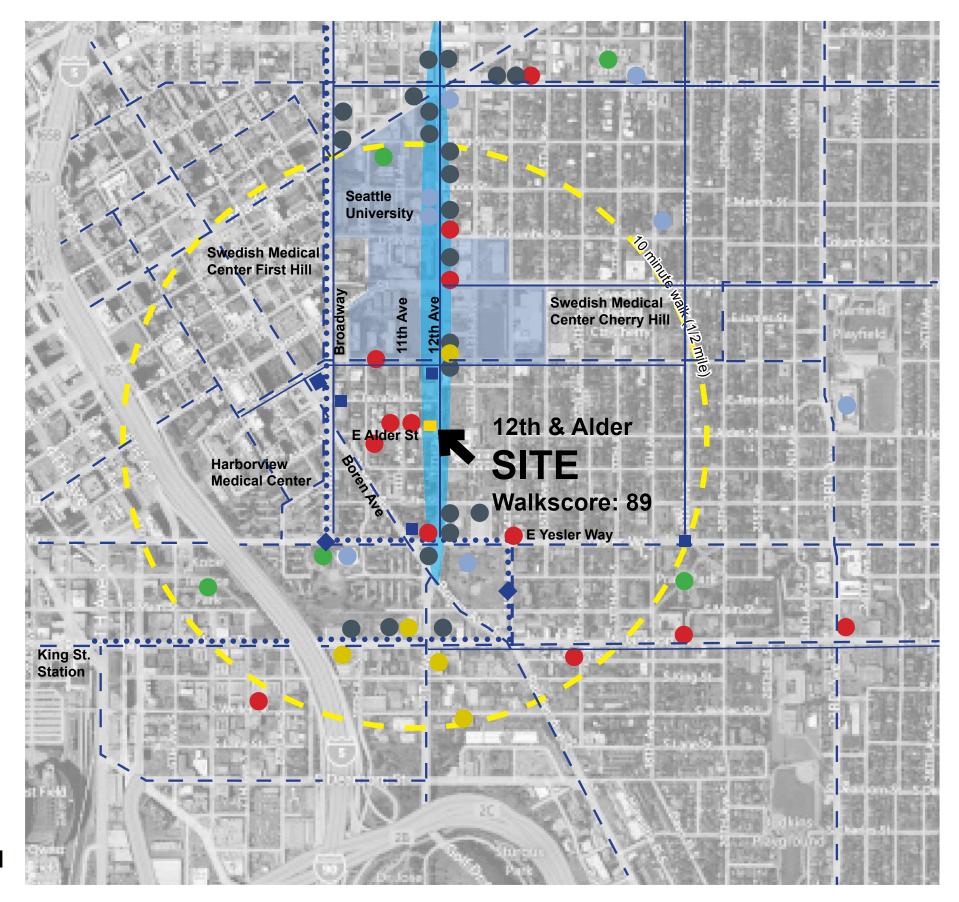
■ - - bus route

— bike lane

• • • streetcar

- - 10 min walk/ 1/2 mile

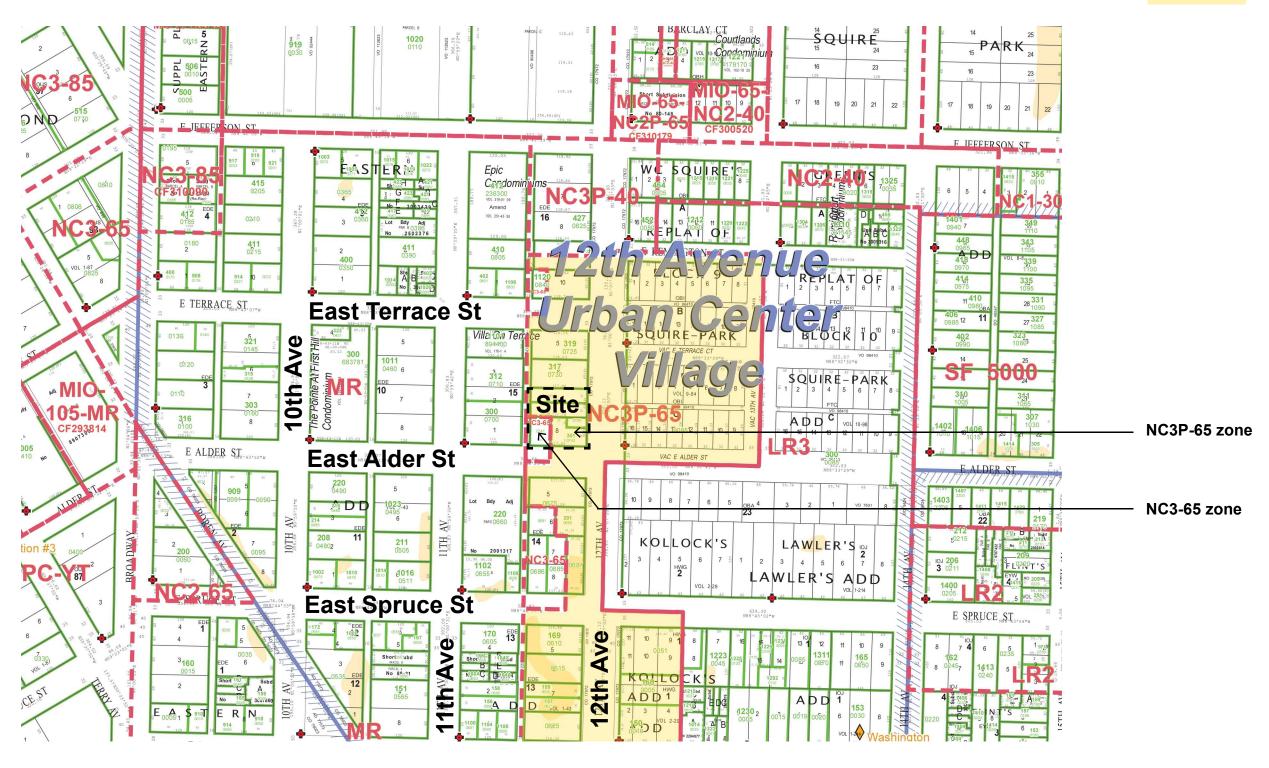
12th Ave pedestrian zone





Zoning Map

Pedestrian Areas



Urban Design Analysis

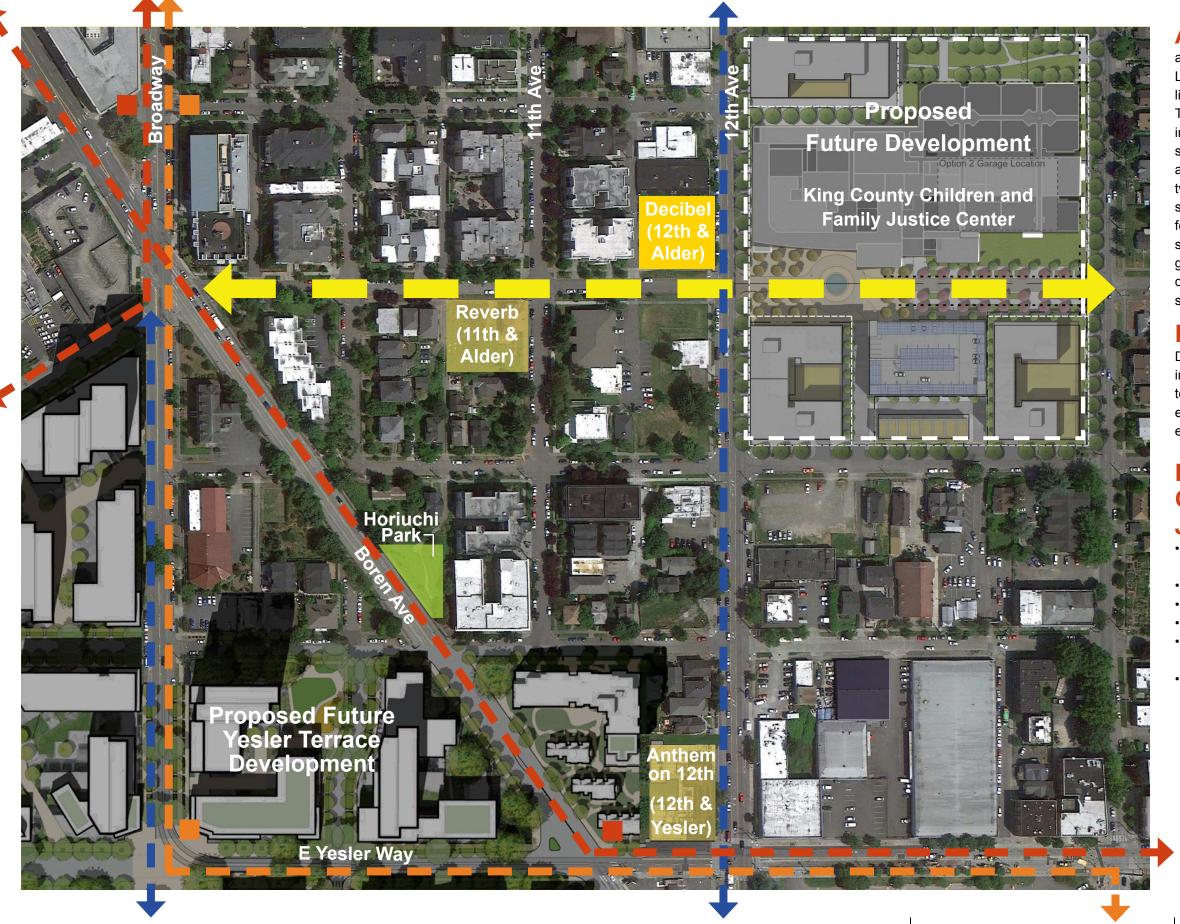
Surrounding Uses and Structures

Commercial

Residential

Community Facilities





Anthem on 12th - A pioneer project

as the first private development of Yesler Terrace. Located directly along the First Hill Streetcar line, this project will provide a gateway to Yesler Terrace. Anthem is a true urban mixed-use project incorporating ground-level, neighborhood-scale retail space and amenity space with five floors of 120 apartments above the base, which will also house a two-level parking structure hidden behind the retail structure. The roof provides common amenity space for residents with excellent views, landscaping, seating and space for a variety of activities including gardening and a dog area. Anthem is currently under construction, and is scheduled to be open in the spring of 2015.

Reverb - The owner's concurrent project with Decibel. Reverb will provide 84 apartment units to fit into this multifamily residential neighborhood. Three townhouse units will be located at ground level with entries off street to help enhance the pedestrian experience and activate the street.

Proposed King County Children and Family Justice Center Redevelopment plans:

- Bring retail to 12th Avenue in a mixed use development
- Enhance open space
- Improve access through and around the campus
- Support additional public transportation options
- Enhance pedestrian mobility across the site and reconnect Squire Park with First Hill
- Create a street life that is diverse and thriving

Pedestrian Connection

Bike Path

Bus Route

Street Car Route

Street Car Stop

Bus Stop



1 Streetscape Photo Montage of the South Side of East Alder Street between 12th Avenue and 10th Avenue





Key Map North

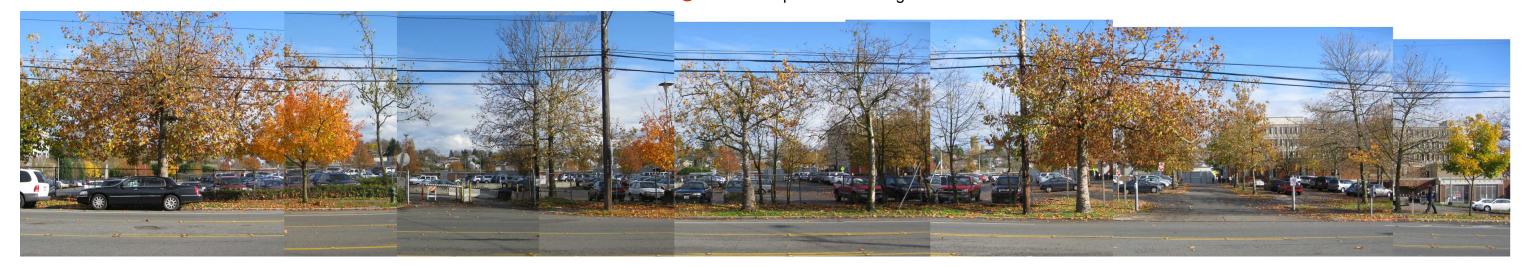
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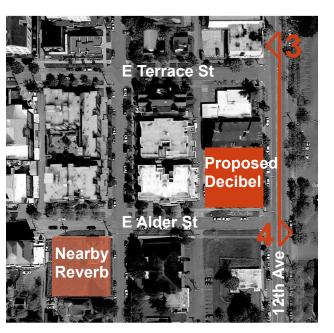
Proposed Decibel Project Site



Streetscape Photo Montage of the West Side of 12th Avenue between East Alder Street and East Terrace Street



Streetscape Photo Montage of the East Side of 12th Avenue between East Terrace Street and East Alder Street



Design Cues

The 12th Avenue has been identified as an important pedestrian connection in the neighborhood. Key opportunity for the proposed project is to contribute to the commercial activity and enhance pedestrian experience along 12th Avenue.

There are no prevailing styles or forms of architectural development in this area, but rather an eclectic mix of styles and periods. The transitional aspect of the neighborhood provides opportunity for creating an unique and vibrant mix-used building to add more character to this evolving neighborhood.







East Alder Street - Opportunity to enhance the pedestrian connection along East Alder Street between the 12th Avenue corridor and public transportation on Broadway.



Modulation on multifamily residential buildings to the west of the site across the alley.



Anthem on 12th - Simple form. Strong urban edge. Transparency at retail base maximizing visibility into the building interior and making a connection to the street.



Agnes Lofts - Limited number of exterior finish materials. Simple and consistent fenestration.

North

Key Map

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12th Avenue Corridor Design Cues



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Site Analysis

Location:

The site is located on the corner of 12th Avenue and E Alder Street

Lot Size: 14,183 sf

Existing Uses & Structures:

Single Family Residences

Topography:

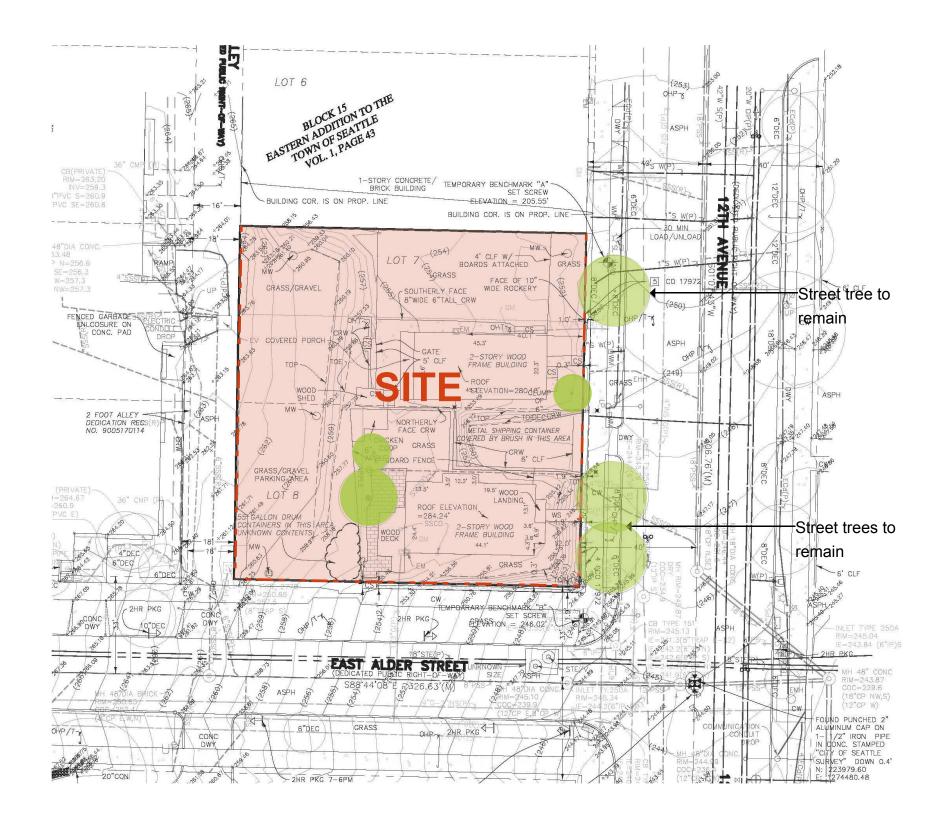
The grade rises approximately 15 feet from East to West along E Alder Street, and rises approximately 5 feet from South to North along 12th Avenue.

Trees:

There are three existing trees on the site, a 6" caliper Apple tree, a 12" caliper Apple tree and a clump of 6" caliper Japanese Maple - Acer japonicum. They are not exceptional trees and will not be retained.

All three existing street trees along 12th Avenue are proposed for retention. They are 8" caliper Norwegian Sunset Maple - Acer truncatum x A. platanoides 'Warrenred'.







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1 View of 12th Avenue and E Alder Street project site from southeast

2 View of existing building to the west



3 View of sidewalk along E Alder Street



4 View of Alley and Project Site from the southwest



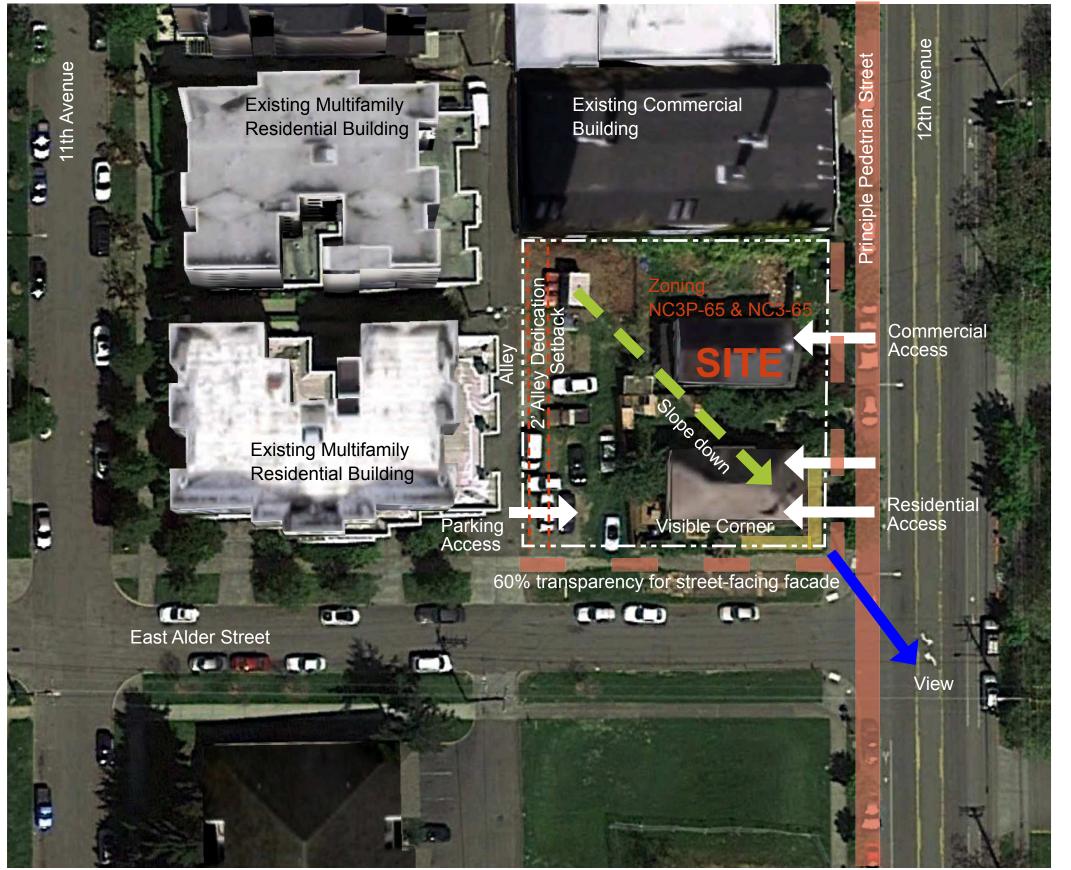
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Site Influences

12th Avenue Urban Center Village

Walkable / transit oriented neighborhood

Transitional neighborhood

Pedestrian connection

Visible corner

Site access

Access for parking

Site topography

Adjacent structures

Future developments

View

Noise

Solar

Wind

Access Opportunities

Residential entry near corner

Access points to commercial space along 12th Avenue.



List of Pertinent Design Guidelines

Context and Site

CS1 Natural Systems and Site Features

- B.1. Sun and Wind
- Take advantage of solar exposure
- B.2. Daylight and Shading
- Maximize daylight
- C.1. Land Form
- Use natural topography to inform design
- E.2. Adding interest with Project Drainage
- Use project drainage systems to add interest to the site

CS2 Urban Pattern and Form

A.2. Architectural Presence

- Buildings that contribute to a strong street edge are particularly important to the creation of a quality public realm that invites social interaction and economic activity.

Proposed Design:

The building is placed along both 12th Avenue and East Alder Street to create a continuous street frontage to respond to the character of 12th Avenue with increasing commercial development. The building facade articulation will clearly reflect building program of upper 5 residential floors over the mix-used base with greater level of openness and transparency for the units at the corners.



B.2. Connection to the Street

- Make a strong connection to the street and carefully consider how the building will interact with the public realm.

Proposed Design:

The building base is expressed as a high space with a greater level of transparency to activate the street and enhance the pedestrian experience. The open concept for the 18' to 20' tall street level space is intended to blend retail space & residential amenities and reinforce the connection to the street.



C.1. Corner Site

- Corner sites can serve as a gateway or focal points.

Proposed Design:

The proposed design is to build out to the corner to provide a strong urban edge to anchor the block. The building corner at 12th Avenue and East Alder Street is articulated with a vertical recess with greater level of openness and transparency for the units at the corner.



D.1. Existing Development and Zoning

- Determine an appropriate complement and/or transition
- D.3. Zone Transitions
- -For projects located at the edge of different zones, provide an appropriate transition or complement to the adjacent zone.

Proposed Design:

The west-facing open courtyard is located on the zone edge of the MR zone across the alley to break up the building mass and respond to the building modulation in the multifamily zone. The height of the concrete parking garage base along alley facade relates to the concrete base of the existing apartment building to the west across the alley. The courtyard on top of the garage will also give neighbors a landscaped amenity area to look out onto.

D.5. Respect for Adjacent Sites:

- Minimize disrupting the privacy and outdoor activities of residents in adjacent buildings.

Proposed Design:

To respond to the existing residential buildings to the west across the alley, a courtyard is open to the west to break down the building mass. The open courtyard will also give neighbors landscaped amenity area to look out onto. Major portion of the north facade is set back by 10' from the north property line to allow windows into the units and minimize blank walls at the north facade.

CS3 Architectural Context and Character

A.4. Evolving Neighborhoods

- Explore ways for new development to establish a positive and desirable context for others to build upon in the future

Proposed Design:

There are no prevailing styles or forms of architectural development in this area, but rather an eclectic mix of styles and periods. The proposed design is intended to create an unique and vibrant mix-used building to add more character to this evolving neighborhood.

Public Life

PL1 Connectivity

- B.1. Pedestrian Infrastructure
- Connect on-site pedestrian walkways with existing pedestrian infrastructure **B.2. Pedestrian Volumes**
- Provide ample space for pedestrian flow and circulation

Design Guidelines

List of Pertinent Design Guidelines

B.3. Pedestrian Amenities

- Provide visible access to the building's entry

Proposed Design:

The shared entry for residential and commercial space will be located near the visible site corner, and recessed with pedestrian amenities including canopy, lighting, and pedestrian scale signage.



PL2 Walkability

- A.1. Access for All
- Provide access for people of all abilities
- B.1. Eyes on the Street
- Provide lines of sight and natural surveillance through strategic placement of doors, windows and street-level uses
- B.2. Lighting for Safety
- Provide lighting at sufficient lumen intensities and scales
- B.3. Street-level Transparency
- Ensure transparency of street-level uses

Proposed Design:

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Commercial space, residential lobby and amenity space along both 12th Avenue and East Alder Street will provide a high percentage of transparency to keep views open into the spaces.



C.1. Location and Coverage

- Overhead weather protection is encouraged

Proposed Design:

Canopies will be provided along 12th Avenue facade and a portion of East Alder Street facade.

C.2. Design Integration

- Integrate weather protection into the design of the structure

Proposed Design:

The canopies will be integrated into the structure of the storefront system.

D.1. Design as Wayfinding

- Use design features as a means of wayfinding

PL3 Street-Level Interaction

A.1. Design Objectives

- Design primary entries to be identifiable from the street

Proposed Design:

The shared entry for residential and commercial space will be located near the visible site corner with a recessed entry area and other details that signals a break from the public side walk.

A.2. Ensemble of Elements

- Design the entry as a collection of coordinated elements
- C.1. Porous Edges
- Engage passersby with opportunities to interact visually with the building interior
- C.2. Visibility
- Maximize visibility into the building interior

Proposed Design:

The glazing into the two-story high street level space will be maximized to animate the street and allow passersby to interact with the activities inside.

PL4 Active Transportation

- A.1. Serving all Modes of Travel
- Provide safe and convenient access points for all modes of travel
- A.2. Connections to All Modes
- Site the primary entry in a location that logically relates to building uses and clearly connects all major points of access
- B.1. Early Planning
- Consider bicycle traffic to and through the site early in the process
- B.2. Bike facilities
- Locate bike facilities to maximize convenience, security and safety
- B.3. Bike Connections
- Facilitate connections to bicycle trails and infrastructure around and beyond the project

Design Concept

DC1 Project Uses and Activities

- Locate uses and services frequently used by the public in visible or prominent areas
- A.2. Gathering Places
- Maximize the use of any interior or exterior gathering spaces
- A.3. Flexibility
- Build in flexibility for future needs
- A.4. Views and Connections
- Locate interior uses and activities to take advantage of views and physical connections to exterior spaces and uses
- B.1. Access Location and Design
- Minimize conflict between vehicles and non-motorists

Proposed Design:

The parking garage is accessed from the existing alley to minimize conflict between vehicles and non-motorists and provide safe environment for pedestrians and bicyclists.

B.2. Facilities for Alternative Transportation

- Locate facilities for alternative transportation in prominent location



List of Pertinent Design Guidelines

Proposed Design:

The Bike Repair Shop and Storage is conveniently located along East Alder Street with a main bike entry directly off the street and a secondary bike entry accessed from 12th Avenue.

C.2. Visual Impacts

- Reduce visual impacts of parking structures

C.4. Service Uses

- Locate service entries to a less visible portion of the site

Proposed Design:

The trash receptacles will be enclosed within the parking garage, and utility meters will be located away from the street frontage.

DC2 Architectural Concept

A.2. Reducing Perceived Mass

- Use secondary architectural elements to reduce the perceived mass of larger projects

Proposed Design:

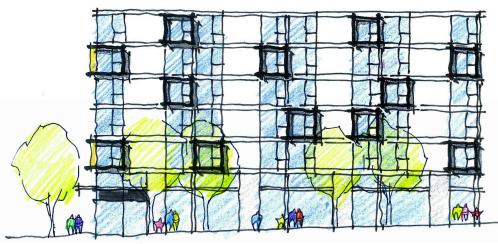
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B.1. Facade Composition

- Design all facades considering composition and architectural expression of the building as a whole

Proposed Design:

The "window box" (8'x 8' open metal fin frame around window, projecting by 1' beyond the building facade at upper 5 floors) will be the highlight elements on all facades including the alley facade to provide an additional layer of composition and architectural expression and create more animated facades.



B.2. Blank Walls

- Avoid large blank walls along visible facades

Proposed Design:

No large blank walls proposed facing the streets.

C.1. Visual Depth and Interest

- Add detailing at the street level

C.2 Dual Purpose Elements

- Consider architectural features that can be dual purpose

Proposed Design:

At the building base, canopies along 12th Avenue and a portion of East Alder Street will provide street-level scale and detail while also offering weather protection.

C.3. Fit with Neighboring Buildings

- Use design elements to achieve a successful fit between a building and its neighbors

D.1. Human Scale

- Incorporate elements that are of human scale into the design D.2. Texture

- Strive for a fine-grained scale/texture

DC3 Open Space Concept

B.2. Matching Uses to Conditions

- Place outdoor gathering area where there is sunny exposure

B.4. Multifamily Open Space

- Design common open spaces to encourage physical activity and social interaction

Proposed Design:

The project will provide landscaped, exterior spaces at the courtyard level and the roof. The courtyard will be directly accessed by several courtyard-facing level units. The roof will provide common amenity space for residents with excellent views, landscaping, seating and space for a variety of activities including a dog area.

C.2. Amenities and Features

- Create attractive outdoor spaces well-suited to the uses

DC4 Exterior Elements and Finishes

A.1. Exterior Finish Materials

- Use durable and maintainable materials

A.2. Climate Appropriateness

- Select durable and attractive materials that will age well in Seattle's climate

B.1. Scale and Character

- Provide exterior signs that are appropriate in scale and character

B.2. Coordinate with Project Design

- Develop a signage plan within the context of architectural and open concepts C.1. Functions

- Use lighting to increase site safety and highlight architectural or landscape details

C.2. Avoiding Glare

- Provide illumination to serve building needs while avoiding off-site glare and light pollution

D.1. Choice of Plant Materials

- Choose plants that will emphasize or accent the design

D.2. Hardscape Materials

- Use hard surfaced areas as an opportunity to add color, texture and/or pattern

D.4. Place Making

- Create a landscape design that helps define spaces



Alternative Architectural Concepts

Same approach for all three options:

Commercial space is located along 12th Avenue.

Residential lobby and amenity space are located at the corner of 12th Avenue & E Alder Street, and along E Alder Street.

The shared entry for residential and commercial space is located along 12th Avenue, near the corner of 12th Avenue and E Alder Street to support open space concept at street level to blend retail & residential amenities.

Access to the parking garage is off the alley near the southwest corner of the site.

OPTION 1

(Code-complying Option)

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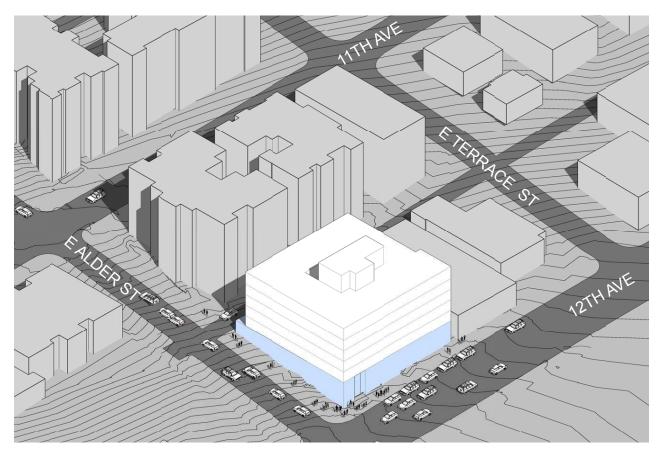
Cons:

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Lack of daylight in the courtyard space.

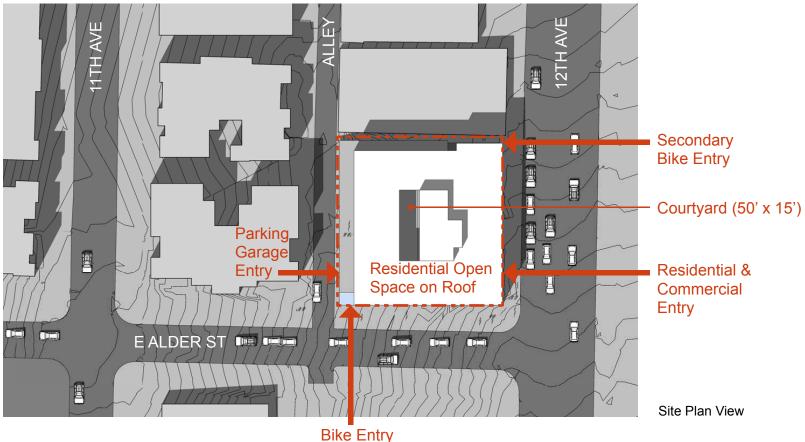
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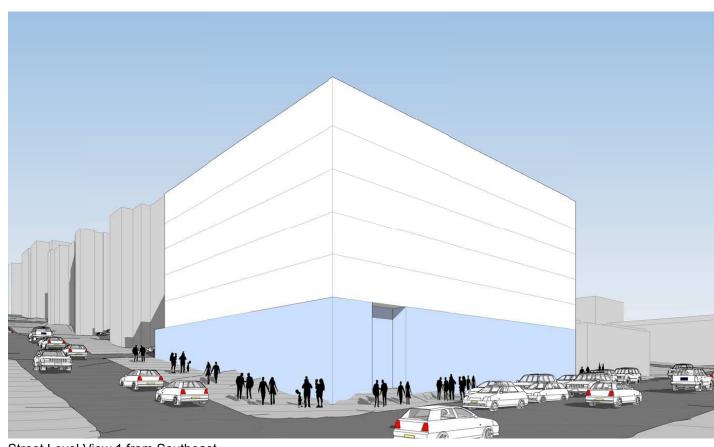
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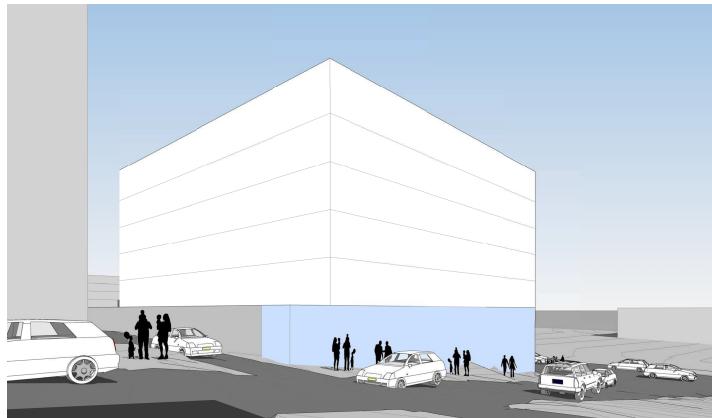


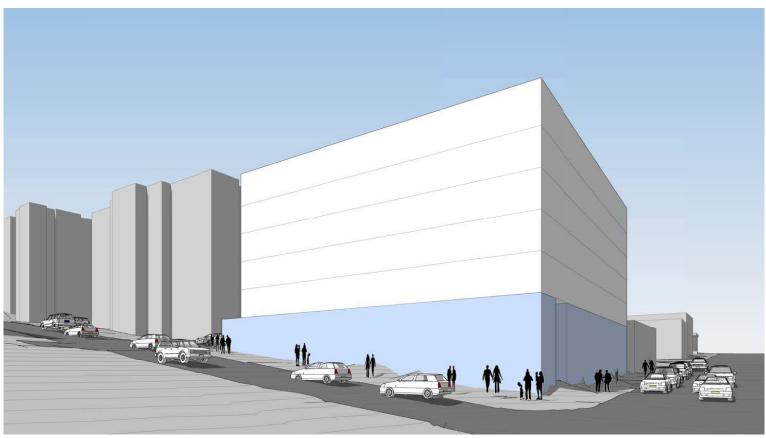
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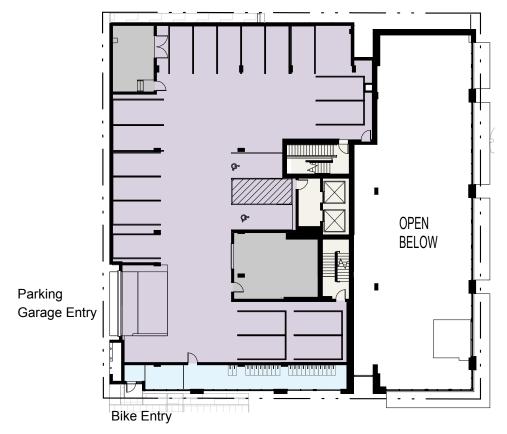
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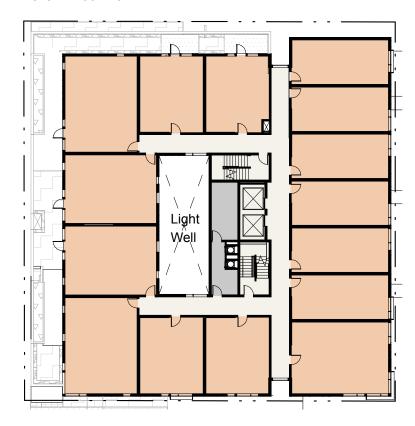
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OPTION 1



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Level 3-7 Floor Plan



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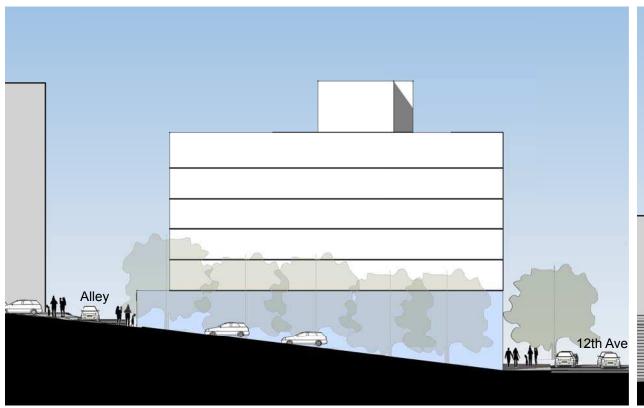
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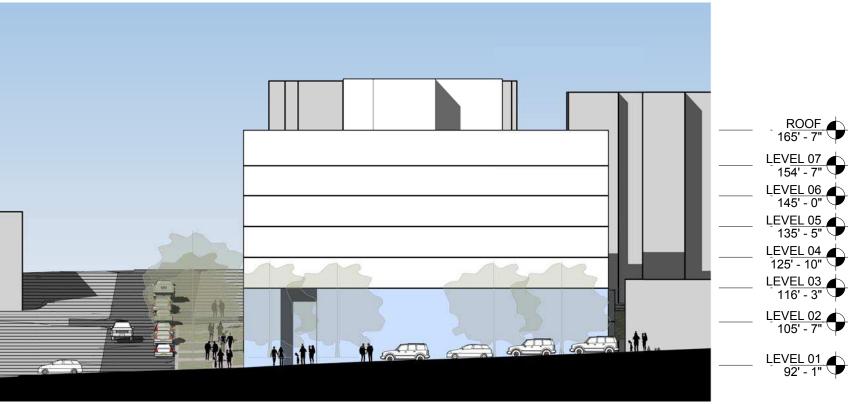


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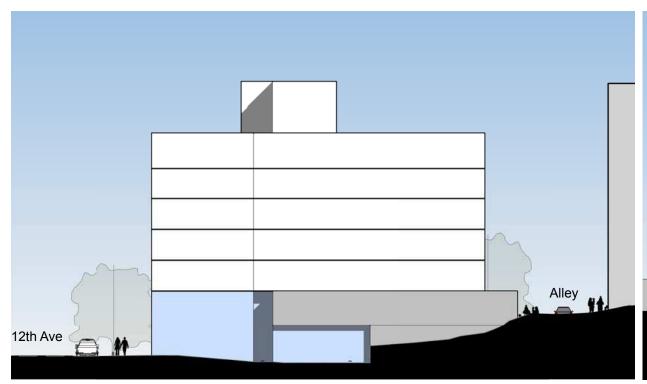


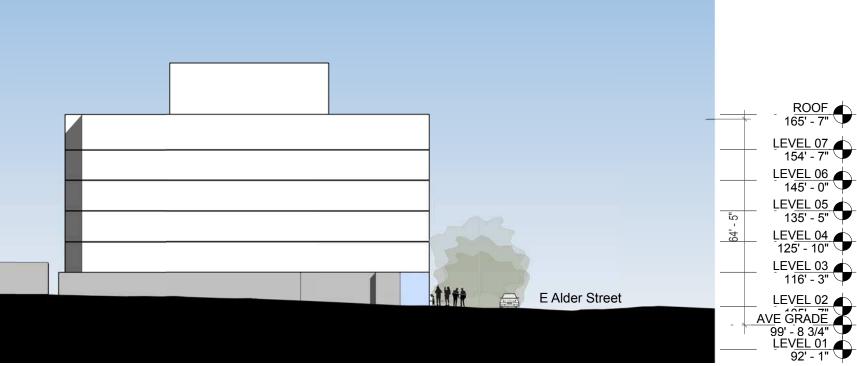
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South Elevation East Elevation





North Elevation West Elevation

(Code-complying Option)

Pros:

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The courtyard opens to east to provide open space, daylight and views to residential units.

Cons:

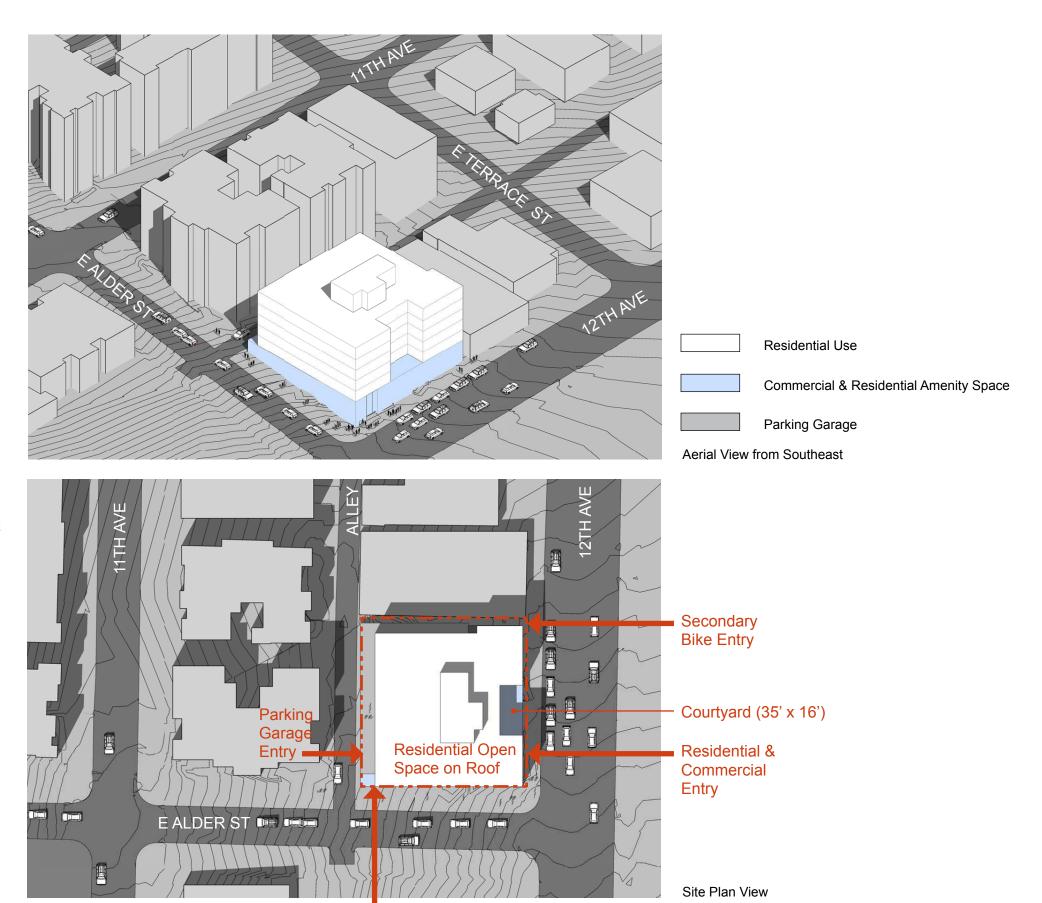
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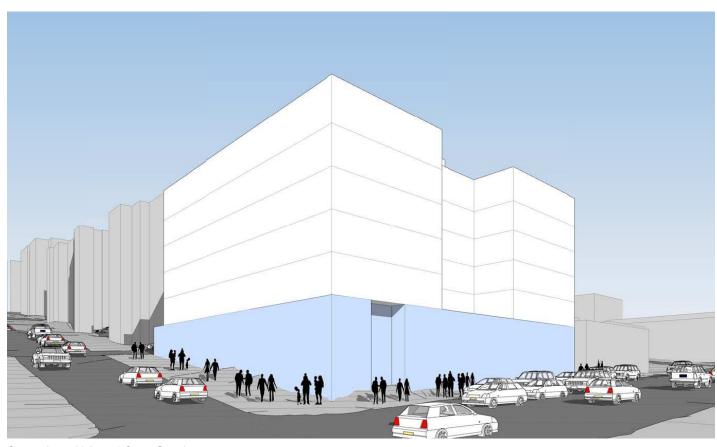
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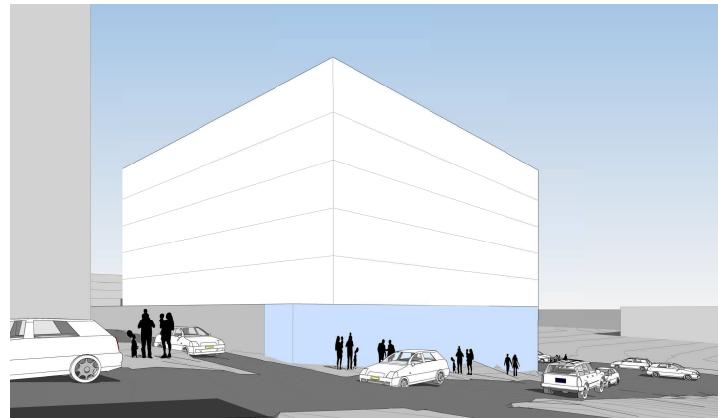
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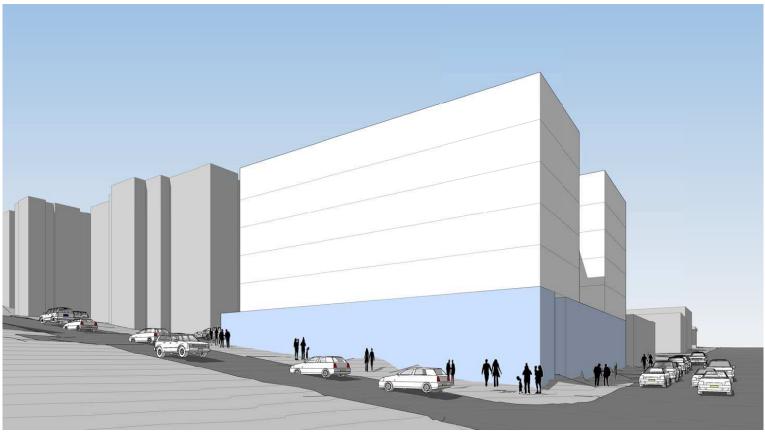
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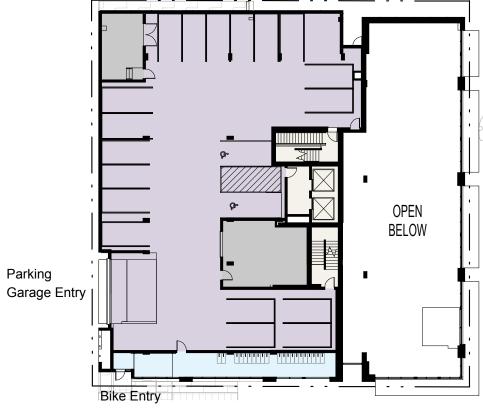
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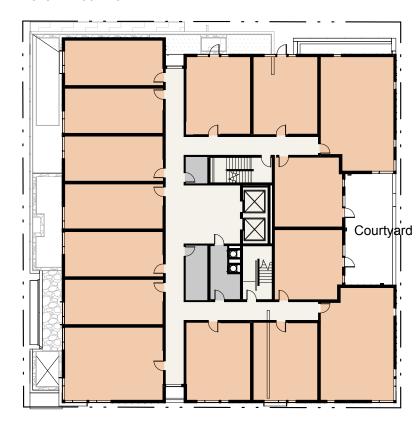
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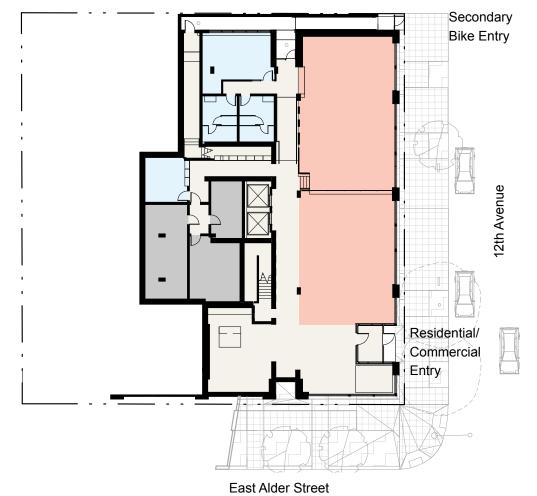
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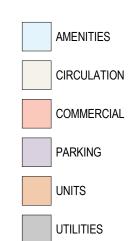
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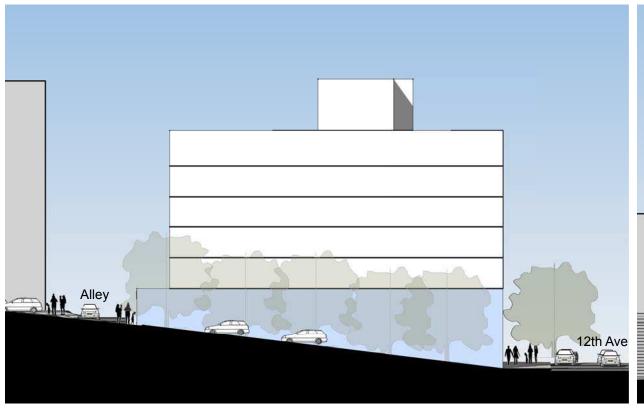


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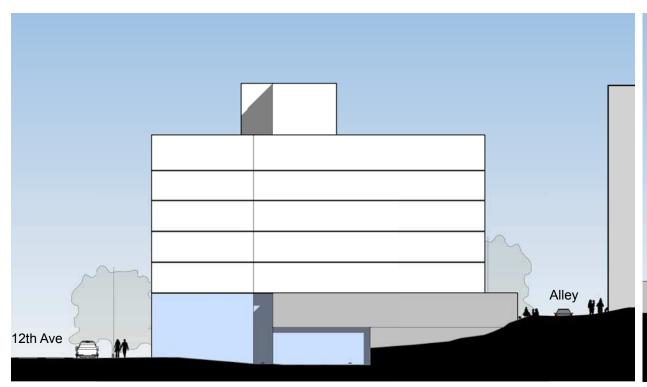
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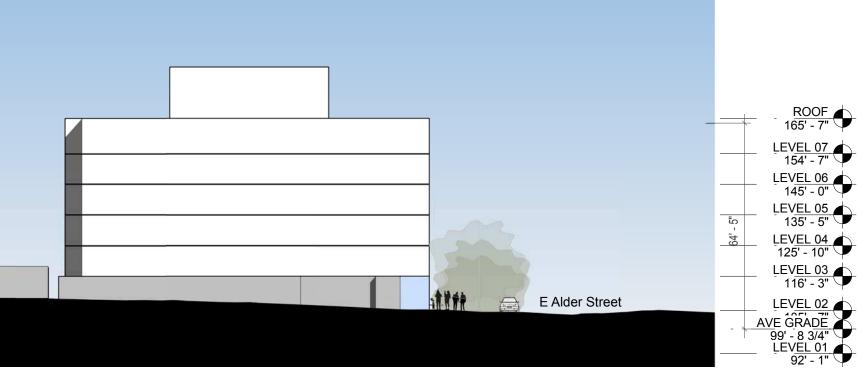
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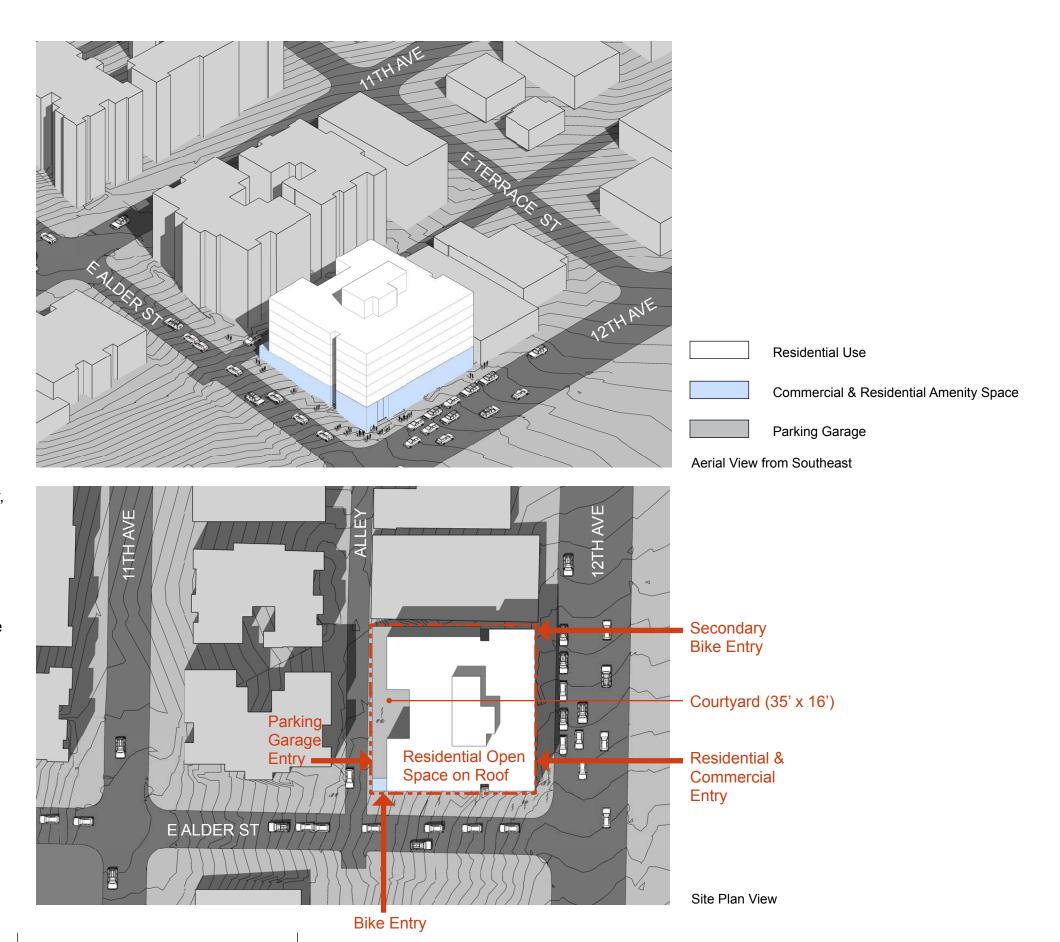
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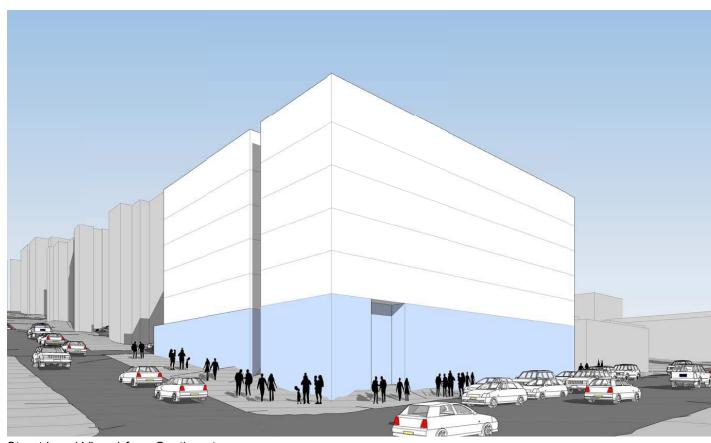
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Less building area at residential floors due to recess at the vertical slots.

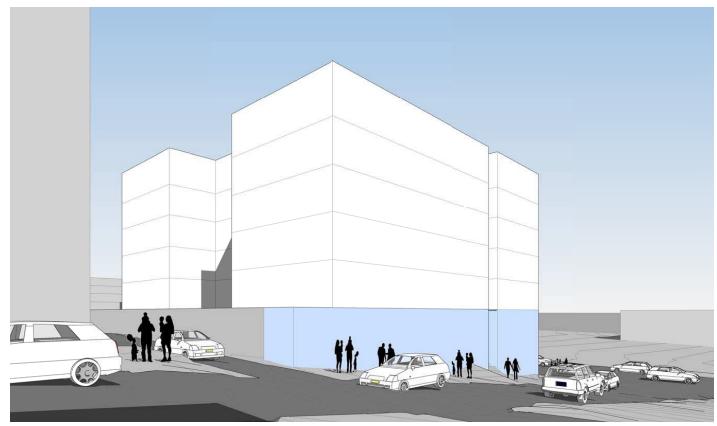
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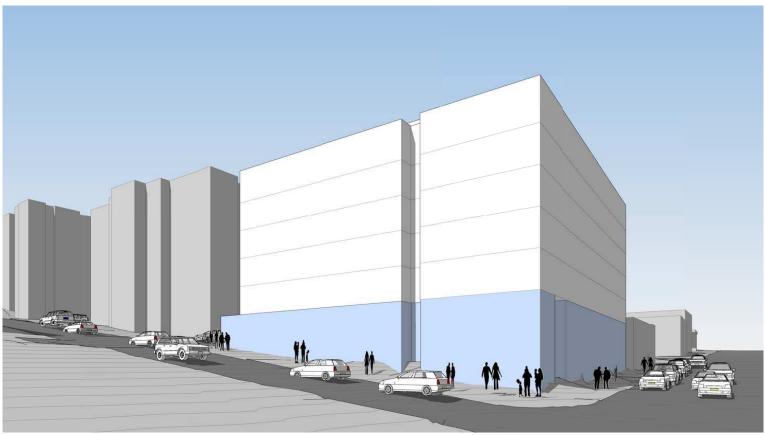
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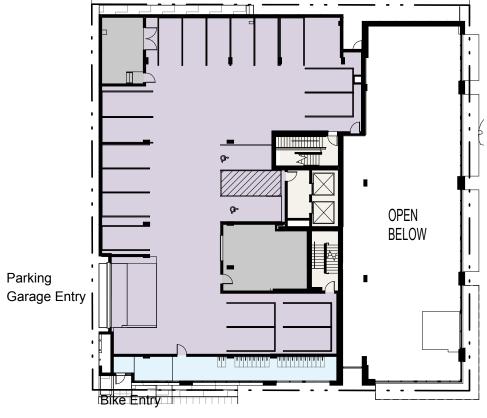
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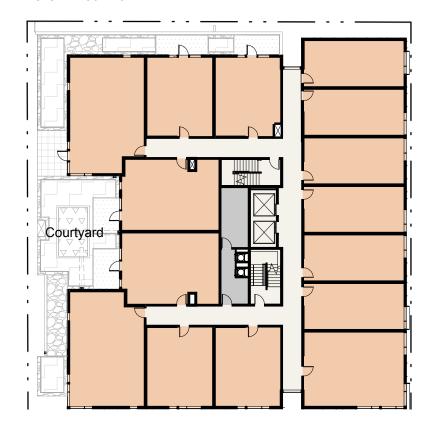
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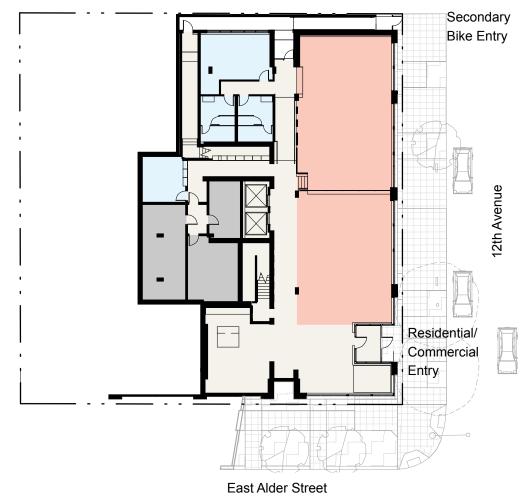
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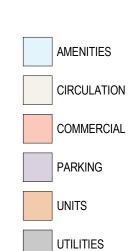


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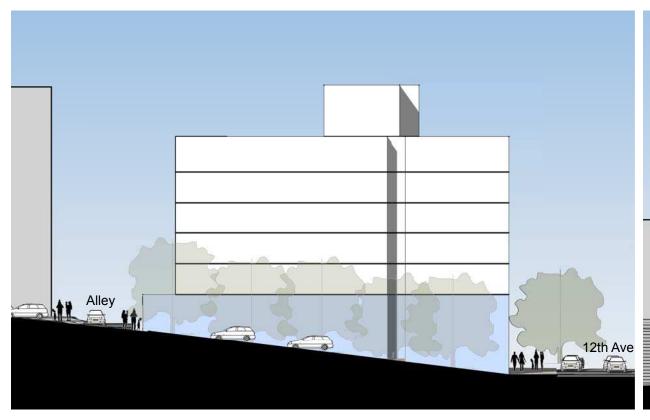


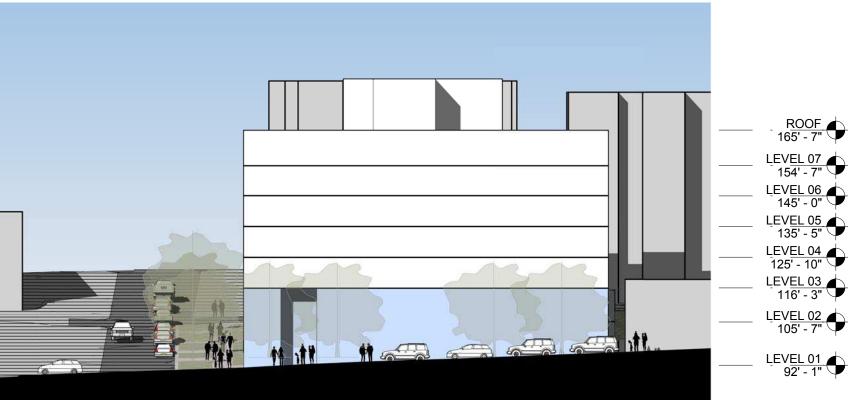


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South Elevation

12th Ave

East Elevation



North Elevation

West Elevation

(Preferred Option)



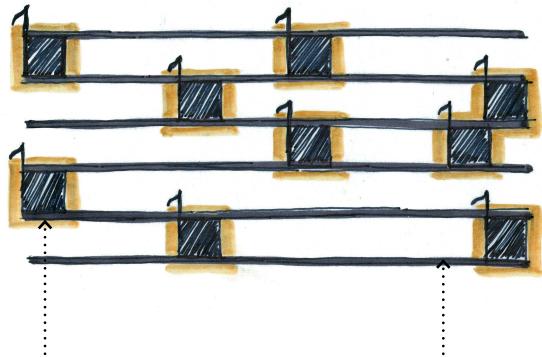
Concept Perspective Sketch at 12th Avenue & East Alder Street

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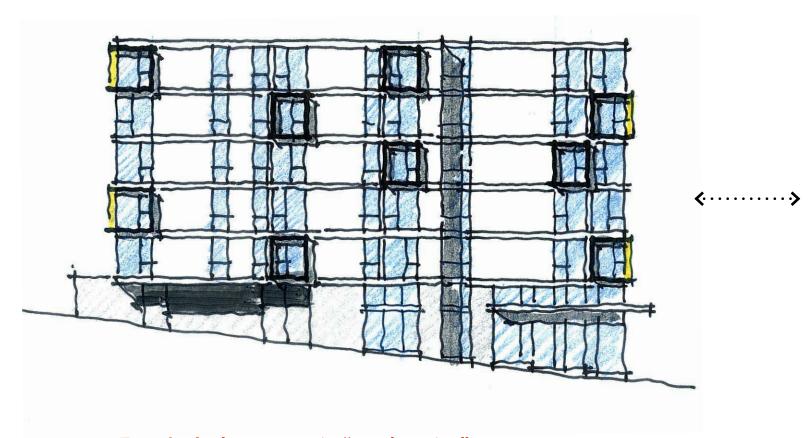




Highlighted moments that emphasize experiences in the interior. These moments will have a random / free feeling but create an overall harmony shown through interior architecture, color, and material.

The Staff [Organizing Element];

The overall space that creates a simple, organizing element for the notes to appear on. This will have an overall timeless, steady, and simple quality.



Facade design concept - "music notes"

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Strong Street Edge & Presence

Simplicity of form

Articulate individual units

Create a dynamic street level Presence

Open concept for street level space -Blending retail & residential amenities

Contribute to the urban fabric & identity of 12th Avenue

Facade design concept -

Abstract "music notes"



Concept Perspective Study View 1 at 12th Avenue & East Alder Street



Concept Perspective Study View 3 at East Alder Street & Alley



Concept Perspective Study View 2 at 12th Avenue & East Alder Street



Concept Perspective Study View 4 at Street Level Open Space

(Preferred Option)



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Concept Perspective Sketch at 12th Avenue & East Alder Street



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THE THECAST CONCRETE FAVERS ON FEDESTAL STSTEM LANDSCAPE NOTES. 2. ALL SIDEWALKS TO BE CITY OF SEATTLE PLANTING AREA ON STRUCTURE. 2" DEPTH MULCH, 12" MIN DEPTH OF PLANTING STANDARD SIDEWALK UNLESS NOTED SOIL, REMAINDER OF DEPTH SHALL BE HIGH-COMPRESSION STRENGTH FOAM BUILD-UP WITH DRAINAGE ASSEMBLY. PROVIDE CLEANOUTS AT DRAINS OTHERWISE. 3. SEE CIVIL DRAWINGS FOR EXISTING AND PROPOSED UTILITY LINES, POLES, METERS, AND BIORETENTION PLANTER PER COS STANDARDS. 12" DEPTH OF DRAIN ROCK, 18" DEPTH OF BIORETENTION SOIL, 6" PONDING DEPTH AND 6" FREEBOARD. STRUCTURES LOCATED IN THE R.O.W. 4" DEPTH GRAVEL SURFACING C.I.P. CONCRETE WALL 3.94 WPLETE UNE LINE 885-6360 PARAPET, EITHER SOLID TO BARRIER HT OR WI BARRIER RAIL ATTACHED A.2 B.1 B.1 D D.4 PRECAST CONCRETE PAVERS AT TERRACE, TYP. MECHANICAL VENT PRIVACY SCREEN, SEE ARCH. G3 LIMIT OF BARRIER AT THIS LEVEL BIORETENTION PLANTER, TYP. H.5 H.5 COMPLETE LINE 885-6360 2.5 2.7 3 3.94 1 MATERIALS PLAN - LEVEL 03 SCALE IN FEET

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